

REMARKS

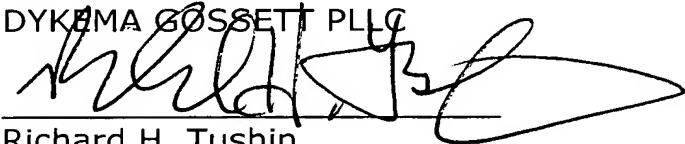
By this Amendment claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 6, which has been canceled.

The examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hwang. With respect to claim 6, the examiner states that "Hwang does not restrict to any shape for the leads" and that "it therefore would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to provide any shape for the leads... of the twisted pair... such as each of the first and second leads is tapered in cross-section from opposite ends thereof to a middle area for alternate choice and depending on the applications or the desired voltage."

It is quite clear that the examiner's rejection against claim 6 is based on hindsight evaluation of claim 6... he has provided no basis whatsoever for asserting that it would be obvious to reconstruct the leads 21, 22 in Hwang to have tapering cross-sections from ends thereof to a middle area. To say that this is simply an "alternate choice" is not a basis for a rejection. The configuration claimed by the applicants provides minimum capacitive coupling and thereby minimum signal delays and losses.

The examiner's prior art rejection should be now withdrawn and
claims 1-3 and 5 allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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